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SUBJECT: (C) KUDOS FOR APPRECIATION FOR CABINET SHUFFLE
COVERAGE (C-AL9-00783)

REF: SINGAPORE 000287

Classified By: SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DIR., INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

¶1. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS APPRECIATE REFTEL COVERAGE OF SINGAPORE'S MINI CABINET SHUFFLE. THE DETAILED ASSESSMENTS OF THE CHANGES AND BIOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS OF THE RISING LEADERS ALLOWED ANALYSTS TO PUT INTO CONTEXT THE SHORT AND LONGTERM RAMIFICATIONS OF THE SHUFFLE. ALSO, REFTEL WAS EXTREMELY TIMELY WITH ITS QUICK RELEASE, ONE DAY AFTER THE SURPRISE SHUFFLE. THANK YOU AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.
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